

JULY 16, 2009 MONTHLY TOWN BOARD MEETING

Present at meeting:	Ralph Bentley	Supervisor
	Frank Hill	Councilman
	Ken Higgins	Councilman
	Bob Olson	Councilman
	Joe Dooris	Councilman
Mark Schachner	Town Counsel	
Paul Smith	Highway Superintendent	
Arlene Mayer	Town Clerk	

Also: Harvey Leidy, Tom Johansen, Krista & Matt Wood, Jean Olson, Roscoe Chase, Chris Smith-Hayes, Peggy & John Stevens, Bill McGhie, Ruth Hayes, Matt Simpson, Jane & Thad Smith, Dee & Peter Carstensen, Cindy Meade, Harry Balz, Don Lewis, Paul Carstensen

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of June 18th were approved by MOTION of Messrs. Olson & Hill, all ayes.

Reports: Supervisor, Town Clerk, Zoning, Justice

July Abstracts:

RESOLUTION NO. 87 OF 2009

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 87 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF JULY ABSTRACTS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the payment of the July Abstracts:

Highway Vouchers # 140-162	\$45,868.99
General Vouchers # 182-215	\$18,172.49
Highway Abstracts # 18 & 19	\$12,165.53
General Abstracts # 18 & 19	\$21,516.81

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

Communications:

ESSLA (Judy Perry)	RE: Closing portion of Red Wing Rd.
Denton Publications	RE: History Page in Adirondack Journal
NYSDOT	RE: Speed Limit Request
NYSDOT	RE: Culvert Replacement on Rte. 8
Horicon Historical Soc.	RE: Thank you to Terry & Greg
Jane Smith	RE: Opposition to Town taking further action against APA regarding Marina
Charles L. Elkins	RE: Against appealing APA opinion regarding Marina

Action on Communications:

APA/Marina- Councilman Olson said that he was the one who requested legal action against APA regarding the marina "we have approved zoning and don't need APA sticking their nose into everything". Councilman Olson added that it is now a "moot point" as the deadline to act has passed.

Old Business:

Selling of Firewood- Councilman Higgins said the Board rushed into making a Resolution last month pertaining to the selling of firewood and the Resolution needs to be reviewed and amended. Councilman Olson said "a distinction needs to be made between camp wood and firewood". The Board has three pages of suggestions as to how to amend the Resolution, one from ZO McMeekin, one from Councilman Olson and one from Steve & Nancy Smith.

Surplus Equipment Bids- The clerk opened the bids received this morning at 10:00 AM. The following are the high bids for each piece:

Snowmobile Trailer- \$300.00	Roto-Tiller- \$42.00	Cub Cadet Mower-\$150.00
Husqvarna # 1- \$100.00	Husqvarna # 2- \$100.00	

Frasier Cemetery Easement- Supervisor Bentley asked Town Counsel to draw up the necessary papers now that we have the Mylar map and deed Description. After papers are drafted Supervisor Bentley will file at the County.

Ike Hayes Road- Mr. Chase will need to write a letter to the Town Board and the Highway Superintendent to request the Town to open a portion of the qualified abandoned Ike Hayes Road. According to letter from Town Counsel it is possible for the Town to revoke the qualified abandoned status for only a portion of the road, which is all Mr. Chase is asking for.

Celebration Committee- Councilman Dooris gave an update on meeting of Committee. Councilman Dooris added that the Committee would present an outline at the August Meeting requesting assistance with afternoon activities and nighttime fireworks.

New Business:

Sale of Steam Jenni- HS Smith would like the Board to sell the Steam Jenni that has been taking up space at the garage. HS Smith said it is a \$1,800.00 piece of equipment that has never really been used. It was purchased years ago with the idea it could be used to thaw culverts, but it is not the right equipment to do that. The following Resolution was introduced:

RESOLUTION NO. 88 OF 2009

Messrs. Dooris and Higgins introduced Res. 88 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO DECLARE STEAM JENNI EQUIPMENT
AS SURPLUS AND SELL BY SEALED BIDS**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby declare the “Jenny” Oil Fired Steam Cleaner as surplus equipment not needed by the Highway Department. The Town Board authorizes the clerk to advertise for sealed bids for this equipment to be opened on August 20th at 10:00 AM. There is a minimum bid of \$500.00 for this equipment.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Speed Bumps at Brant Lake Estates-

HS Smith spoke about the request from Brant Lake Estates for speed bumps in their development. HS Smith said he gave papers regarding this to the Supervisor. Brant Lake Estates will place the bumps on the road and take them off. Councilman Dooris suggested this request be tabled until our Town Counsel can look into it as he has severe reservations about the whole thing. Councilmen Dooris and Higgins, made a MOTION to table this request, all ayes.

ZBA Alternate: The Board had two applications for the position of ZBA Alternate. Councilman Hill recommended Thad Smith as he was first to apply for position and is qualified. Councilman Hill asked Matt Simpson if he would be willing to serve as Alternate to the Planning Board if that position came up. Mr. Simpson indicated he would, but ZBA was first choice.

Warren County Sales Tax- Councilman Dooris said he is concerned about the Town’s budget as he noticed that Warren County’s sales tax is down 6%. Councilman Dooris suggested the Board do a budget review at August meeting to see if we have to “tighten belt”. Supervisor Bentley said our sales tax is up 4% because of the re-val. Lauri Hughes will run off financial report for meeting, but all funds are in good shape.

Resolutions:

RESOLUTION NO. 89 OF 2009

Messrs. Dooris and Hill introduced Res. 89 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AWARD BIDS

WHEREAS, the Town Board declared certain pieces of equipment as surplus and put them out to bid, AND

WHEREAS, bids were opened on July 16th at 10:00 AM at the Horicon Community Center, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the bids for equipment are awarded as follows:

Roto Tiller	high bid	\$ 42.00	Bill Girard
Snowmobile Trailer	high bid	\$300.00	Bernie Bolton
Cub Cadet Mower	high bid	\$150.00	Carl Younes

Husqvarna Mower	high bid	\$100.00	Chris Johnson
(2 nd Husqvarna Mower)	high bid	\$100.00	Chris Johnson

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 90 OF 2009

Messrs. Dooris & Hill introduced Res. 90 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE CLOSING A PORTION OF
RED WING ROAD FOR ADIRONDACK ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize closing the Red Wing Road in Adirondack from the Adirondack General Store to the Public Parking Area on August 29th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM for an ice cream social celebration. Closing this portion of Red Wing Road will promote public safety for this event, while also allowing thru traffic access from another road.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 91 OF 2009

Messrs. Olson & Hill introduced Res. 91 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF CD RECORDER

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the purchase of a Tascam CD Recorder (Model CD-RW900SL) to be included in the new sound system previously purchased for the Horicon Community Center. Recorder to be purchased from Adirondack Audio & Video of Queensbury for a price of \$599.00.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 92 OF 2009

Messrs. Hill & Dooris introduced Res. 92 and moved its adoption:

**RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TOWN ATTORNEY TO DRAFT
EASEMENT PAPERS FOR FRASIER CEMETERY**

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize Town Counsel Mark Schachner to draft the necessary papers for the ingress and egress to the Frasier Family Cemetery located on the James Farmer property on Hayesburg Road and to file the map for said easement with Warren County.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 93 OF 2009

Messrs. Hill & Dooris introduced Res. 93 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE TRANSFER OF FUNDS

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the transfer of the following funds:

<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
A1990.4 (Contingency)	9050.8 (Unemployment)	\$5,000.00
A1990.4 (Contingency)	8810.4 (Cemetery Cont.)	\$1,000.00

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 94 OF 2009

Messrs. Olson & Hill introduced Res. 94 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE BUDGET AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, the Town Board has been notified that there is an increase in the CHIPS money that will be allotted to the Town of Horicon, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Bookkeeper be authorized to make the following Budget Amendment:

Increase	Revenues (D510)	\$3,432.00
	Subsidiary (D3501.4)	\$3,432.00
	Appropriations (D960)	\$3,432.00
	Subsidiary (D5112.4)	\$3,432.00

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 95 OF 2009

Messrs. Higgins & Hill introduced Res. 95 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO APPOINT ZBA ALTERNATE

WHEREAS, the Zoning Board of Appeals alternate has been appointed to a regular position on the Board to fill a vacancy that had become available, NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby appoint Thad Smith to serve as a Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate for a term of five years.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

RESOLUTION NO. 96 OF 2009

Messrs. Olson & Higgins introduced Res. 96 and moved its adoption:

RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ATTENDANCE AT CONFERENCE

RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize interested members of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals to attend the NY Planning Federation Conference at Lake Placid on Monday, September 14th and Tuesday, September 15th. Conference registration of \$100.00 each will be paid by the Town of Horicon for up to 5 people. Meals and mileage will be reimbursed. Lodging fees are not included in this authorization.

Hill-aye, Higgins-aye, Olson-aye, Dooris-aye, Bentley-aye

Other Business:

Septic Problem on Duell Hill- The Town received a report from our Health Officer, Gary Scidmore. Mr. Scidmore retested the site at the request of the Board. Results showed that collection sites all tested positive for E. Coli. Mr. Scidmore suggests the septic systems be dye tested or the Town may want to utilize Molecular source tracking which is the most up to date method to determine animal vs. human source of fecal pollution. A MOTION was introduced by Messrs. Dooris & Hill to request our Town Counsel send a letter to owner asking him to allow a dye test or the Town will get a court order, all ayes. Mr. Balz suggested the owner be requested to notify the Town regarding what company he is going to use. Councilman Dooris said "I assume our Health Officer (Agent) will administer test". Councilman Olson said "if test is done it must be above reproach so we could go to court with it if we have to". Supervisor Bentley said he thought Warren County Soil & Water could do the test.

Veterans Park in Adirondack- Mr. Balz asked when work would begin on making the park. Councilman Hill said the Town will clean it up in the fall and when it is finished the Town of Horicon will have a dedication ceremony. Question of where to move the phone booth located there. Mr. Balz said he made suggestion to put it in Town parking lot by the Post Office. Councilman Hill said we need to make sure it is placed in such a way as to avoid snowdrifts.

Missing Signs: Peter Carstensen asked if the Town knew anything about his missing business signs in Adirondack. Mr. Carstensen said last year some signs were found at Town Hall. Councilman Hill said Town does not remove signs. Mr. Johansen said signs for the Festival were taken in Adirondack also.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM by MOTION of Messrs. Olson & Higgins, all ayes.

Respectfully submitted:

Town Clerk

JULY 30, 2009 TOWN BOARD, MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE WORKSHOP

Present at meeting:	Ralph Bentley	Supervisor
	Frank Hill	Councilman

	Ken Higgins	Councilman
	Bob Olson	Councilman
	Joe Dooris	Councilman
Gary McMeekin	Zoning Administrator	
Arlene Mayer	Town Clerk	

Also: Dennis Doyle, Harvey Leidy, Mike Raymond, Bill Bruce, Dr. Richard Lamb, Harry Balz, Brandon Himoff, Doug Paton and Martin Meade

Councilman Higgins led a page-by-page discussion of the Comprehensive Master Plan changes that were made by the Town Board during the two workshops they held previously.

As each change was reviewed it was open for discussion. Some changes were marked "reconsider" after discussion and some were left "as is". The Town Board will hold another workshop with the Committee and Dr. Lamb at a later date.

The Comprehensive Master Plan will be the subject of public informational meetings once the text is in its tentative final draft.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Town Clerk